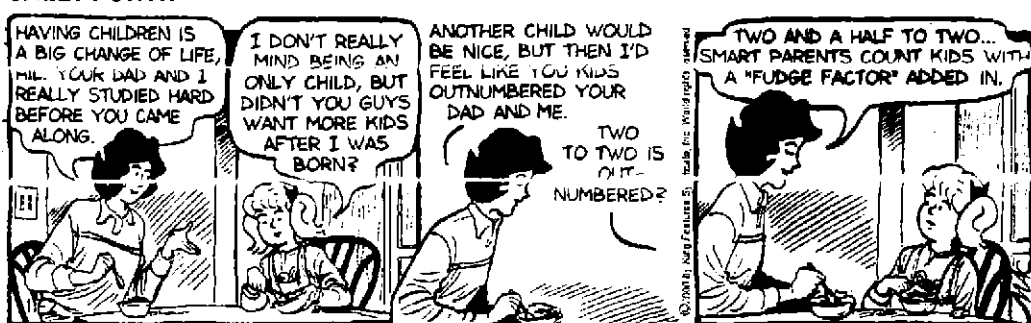


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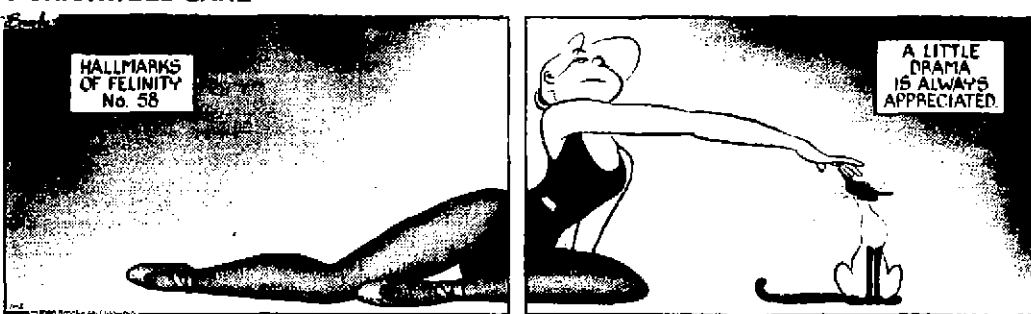
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9 CHICKWEED LANE



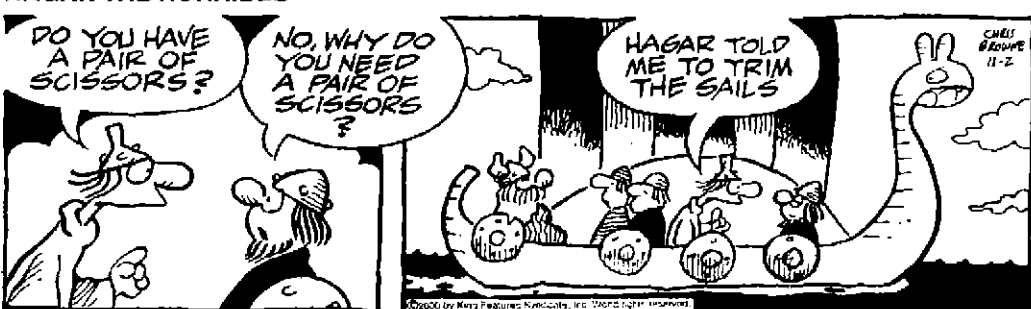
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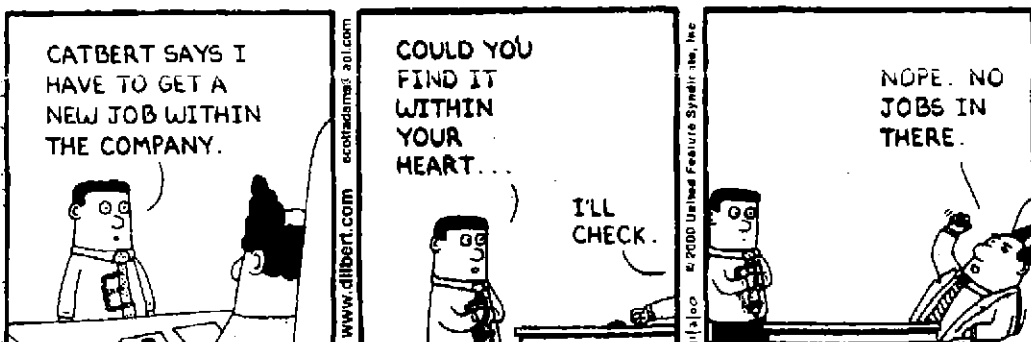
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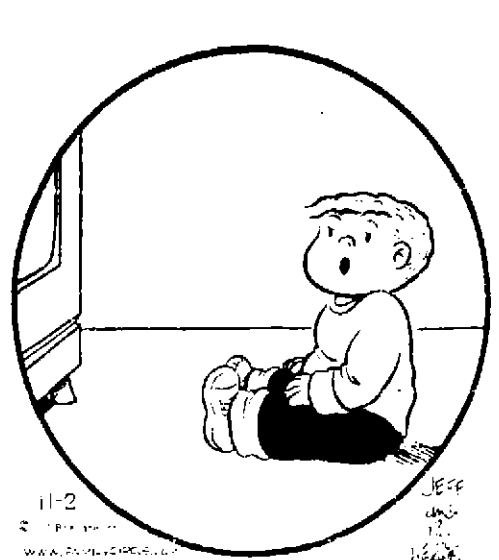
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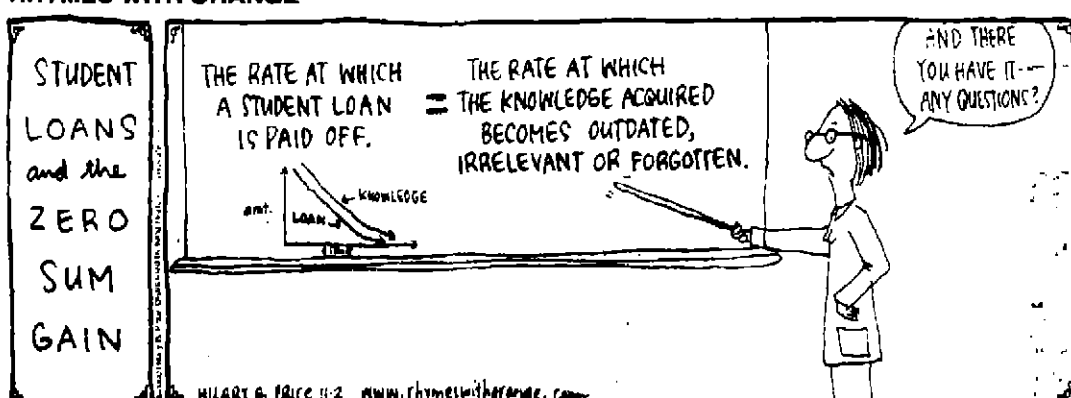
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Nov. 3, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) If you can locate some other folks to work with and share the load, your goals and prospective projects will come to life.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) A struggle over who has the power in a relationship could ruin what might have been a perfectly pleasant time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your character might be challenged today as you are forced to choose between the right way and the wrong way.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The plan that has been placed in front of you looks much too risky.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Turn what you should have said the last time into what you will say the next time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Put your own needs aside should a good friend come to you in a crisis.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Are you really doing things for yourself, or are you doing them to get a reaction from someone else?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you dream of living elsewhere, ask yourself why you're still in the same spot. An opportunity for change might arise sooner than you think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have the amazing ability to engage total strangers in conversation! Talk to anyone who will listen to you today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A real commitment brings an instant return. You might not be ready to decide yet, but your list of possibilities is growing rapidly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You finally feel like all is right with the world today.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your sincerity is obvious to all who encounter you.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

MAJOR LEAGUE UMPIRES

Y C D R A B B U H Z P N W T Q
N K I F C Z W A I U U A R P M
J H E G C Z X U R Y L W S Q N
L J G E N C Z X S L L O V T R
S P I L L I H P C L I G P N L
L L I R R E M J H O H C E C A
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Wednesday's unused clue: PUNCH

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unused clue hint: HALL OF FAMER JOCKO -

Barick Evens Hubbard Montague
Barnett Froemming Klem Phillips
Coble Gregg McGowan Pulli
Connolly Hirschbeck Merrill

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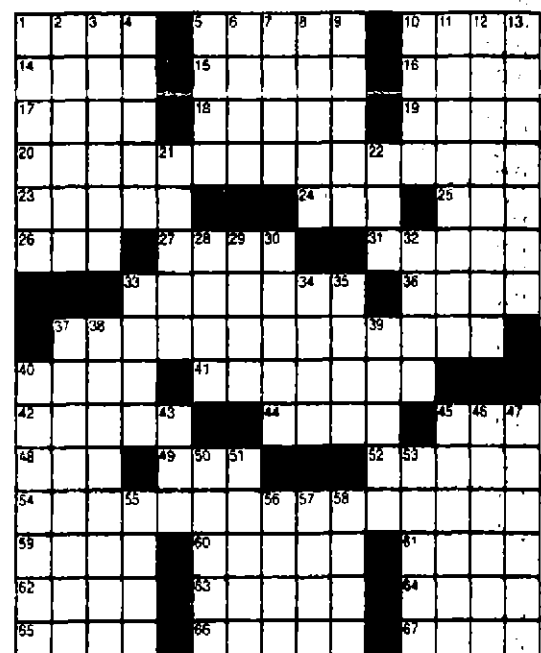
- ACROSS**
- 1 Rapsallions
- 5 Kind of car
- 10 Squabble
- 14 Society news
- 15 Weird
- 16 Slip (into)
- 17 Zing
- 18 Instruction for murder?
- 19 Part of the Walt Disney Co.
- 20 Beginning of a quip
- 23 Bean sprouts?
- 24 Sign of success
- 25 Some Harvard grads: Abbr.
- 26 Baseball's Cobb and others
- 27 Stumblebum
- 31 Bread choice
- 33 Phrase on a party invitation
- 36 Part of A.D.
- 37 More of the quip
- 40 French film
- 41 "Backroads" singer Ricky Van
- 42 Actress Tatum
- 44 Dry run
- 45 New Deal org.
- 46 Prime-time hrs.
- 49 One of the Gabors
- 52 Chalk-colored
- 54 End of the quip
- 59 Actress Swenson
- 60 "The Silence of the Lambs" releaser
- 61 Brahms's "Rhapsody"
- 62 Do a caulking job
- 63 Seeing pink elephants
- 64 Shed item
- 65 Phoenician trading center
- 66 Paris underground
- 67 Old Icelandic literary work

DOWN

- 1 Words said with a nod
- 2 Food poisoning, e.g.
- 3 Cry to actors on a set
- 4 Man in a red-and-white suit
- 5 Poor blokes
- 5 Throw in the towel
- 7 Area code 801 locale
- 8 City on the Rhine
- 9 Take exception
- 10 Eyeballs
- 11 Place for a bowl
- 12 Wannabe
- 13 Takes care of
- 21 Spot in the ocean
- 22 Parent's order
- 28 Singer Redding
- 29 "Oops"
- 30 Dogma

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BALSA CASA VAMP
OCEAN AXED ARIA
THELIONINSUMMER
HERA SOSO NOONS
MEAN REMORSE
SPRINGLEAVES
ORO DEAR ETERNE
MOAT WET DIAL
AFRESH CHAR TRI
AWINTERPLACE
YOCCATA ROMA
ISLAM POEM PLEA
THERITEOFAUTUMN
HEAT ORZO POLIO
EARS OVER SPURN



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

- 32 Chemistry Nobelist Otto
- 33 La tar pits
- 34 Rocky, for Stallone
- 35 News
- 37 Amount for film tickets and such
- 38 Coffee order
- 39 Teutonic war god
- 40 Scribe
- 43 Sheltered side
- 45 Frittered (away)
- 46 Half a decade
- 47 Wool type
- 50 Indy 500 sound
- 51 Where to live the high life?
- 53 Play for the Bruins, say
- 55 Whip mark
- 56 Sudden game ending
- 57 One with ground strokes?
- 58 Prefix with European

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